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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Management Staff/DO

FROM: Edward J. Maloney
Director of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Request for Communications Support for Field Systems
Group at South Building []

REFERENCE: Your Memo, dtd 6 June 1988, Same Subject []

1. Office of Information Technology (OIT) agrees that a narrative traffic capability is necessary to enable the Field System Group/IMS (FSG) to communicate daily on a worldwide basis regarding the CRAFT program. Also, that FSG use of the T/WI testbed at South Building would provide valuable hands-on experience and enhance further development of the T/WI software program. []

2. Accordingly, OIT plans to establish a narrative traffic capability at South Building using Electronic Dissemination Circuitry (EDC) - an extension of the Headquarters Cable Dissemination System (CDS). This circuitry is the same as that currently supporting FSG's narrative traffic at []

3. The TERP IIA presently installed in the South Building CER will remain at that facility in an off-line configuration for FSG's use in development of T/WI. []

4. Unfortunately, OIT has neither the personnel nor positions to provide professional communications staffing. However, the operational simplicity of EDC circuitry is such that it can be operated by non-professional communications personnel, and OIT will pursue this approach. []

5. Our focal officer for this effort is [] Operations Support Staff, OD/OG/OIT. [] can be reached on Secure []

Edward J. Maloney *for*

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South Building [redacted]

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ATTENTION: Chief, Operations Group, OIT
Chief, Customer Services Group, OIT

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1. The Field Systems Group/IMS (FSG) will be relocating from [] to the South Building between October, 1988, and February, 1989. As the program office for CRAFT, communications support is a necessity as FSG communicates worldwide through staff channels on a daily basis. At the very least, communications support commensurate with the support provided to FSG at [] is required. However, we are requesting full communications support, including two communicators and a TERP so that we may use the Terminal Wang Interface (T/WI) software program to interface the office systems electronically with the TERP.

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2. FSG will deploy the T/WI program on a world-wide basis in the near future; this summer, the program will be implemented in several domestic sites []. At the present time, FSG does not have the capability to test T/WI in-house. Rather, the product has to be deployed before software problems can be detected; this leads to lack of confidence on part of the test sites, and has slowed down the progress of T/WI development. Further, very few officers in FSG have had the opportunity to work with T/WI, as the number of officers that are allowed to TDY to a site at one time is limited. As a result, because of lack of experience and exposure to T/WI, few officers in FSG are qualified to support the program in the field.

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3. To address these shortcomings, FSG needs the ability to use T/WI on an operational basis. Not only would officers gain experience with a program they must support world-wide, but deployment and program development would occur at a faster rate because of the increased support and ability to detect software problems prior to deployment. The present occupant of South Building, the Office of Technical Services, is using T/WI to interface their office system with the TERP, therefore, all communications hardware is in place to support the effort. We request that the same support currently enjoyed by OTS be provided to FSG after its move to South Building. If this support can be provided, FSG will need to initiate steps to acquire a cable address designator.

25X1 4. Any questions or correspondence concerning this request should be directed to [redacted] C/IMS/FSG, secure [redacted]

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